

Bringing the County Closer to You!

Isiah Leggett, County Executive Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrator Officer Catherine Matthews, Director Mark Firley, UCAB Chair

September 25, 2015

CANCELLED

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, October 5 7:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Montgomery County Council to Commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month

Tuesday, September 29 11:00am Council Office Building, 3rd Floor Hearing Room 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

Special ceremonies and a panel discussion commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month and will highlight "The Current State of the Latino Community in Montgomery County." The special ceremonies will be televised live by county Cable Montgomery (CCM-Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon). The broadcast will also be streamed at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/ondemand/index.html.

County Executive's Transit Task Force Releases Draft Report

Seeks Comments at Public Forum Wednesday, September 30

The Task Force is inviting comments to the draft report, released earlier this week, at a public forum on September 30 and via the CONTACT US section of their website until October 6. The Transit Task Force's Public Draft Report and Recommendations are available on the Montgomery County Transit Task Force website.

County Executive Leggett reconvened the Transit Task Force in April to study the legislation he proposed in the 2015 session of the Maryland General Assembly which enables the establishment of a transit authority, develop procedures for soliciting community and business input to its deliberations, Read more >>



Deadline Nears for Applications for New Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation Board Members

Board members will be tasked with marketing Montgomery County, attracting businesses and investments to the County, growing entrepreneurship, as well as helping existing businesses grow and succeed.

Inquiries and applications should be sent to Lily Qi, Director of Special Projects, Office of the County Executive, lily.qi@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-2524, Office of the County Executive, 101 Monroe St., 2nd floor, Rockville, MD 20850. Further details can be found on the Restructuring Economic Development Web page.

In July, the Montgomery County Council approved legislation replacing the County's Department of Economic Development with a new nonprofit economic development corporation led by an 11-member volunteer board of directors. The move was made to reform the economic development process in the County, enhance private sector involvement and provide a more nimble organizational structure to better respond to market opportunities. MCEDC will also be responsible for drafting its bylaws. The legislation requires the bylaws to include prohibitions against self-dealing and personal enrichment as well as restrictions about other possible ethical concerns. The council will have the opportunity to review the bylaws.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, October 2.

Montgomery County Council Receives Office of Legislative Oversight Report on Resources and Staffing Among Schools; Report Focuses on the Staffing and Resources Allocated to MCPS's Highest Poverty Schools

Press release at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR detailsNew.asp?PrID=15278

Commission for Women Presents Several Informative Seminars in Coming Months

The Montgomery County Commission for Women is offering a number of informational and educational seminars in coming months. Some of the seminars are co-sponsored by the Holiday Park Senior Center and most are free and require no pre-registration.

- Safe Website Dating September 24, 1 p.m., at Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Dr., Wheaton. Learn how to meet others without putting yourself in danger and find out which websites are reputable and safe to explore. Free.
- Separation and Divorce: Understanding the Process October 1, 7 9 p.m., Commission for Women, 21 Maryland Ave., Suite 331, Rockville. Topics include grounds for divorce; what to expect in court; alimony; domestic violence; custody, support and visitation. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Pre-register here.
- E-Learning: Expand Your Knowledge for Free! October 15, 1 p.m. Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Dr., Wheaton. Learn how to expand your knowledge through free online learning opportunities. Free.
- A Community Discussion on Domestic Violence October 14, 7 8:30 p.m., East County Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Rd., Silver Spring; and October 21, 7 8:30 p.m., Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans PI., Silver Spring. The presentation will provide information about services that are available and how to help friends and family in relationships affected by abuse. Free.
- Caring for the Caregiver November 1, 1 p.m., Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Dr., Wheaton. Learn how to care for yourself and avoid caregiver burn out. Free.

For more information about any of these seminars, call the Commission for Women at 240-777-8333

Nonprofit Resource Day

Friday, October 2 9:30am - 11:30am Montgomery College, Rockville Campus Homer S. Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education, Room 222-224 51 Mannakee Street. Rockville

Nonprofit caseworkers are invited to spend a morning learning about short-term noncredit career starter programs at Montgomery College and a variety of resources that may be of assistance in working with clients in regard to career paths. This Nonprofit Resource Day is free, but registration is highly recommended! Those registering early will received prepared workshop materials on the day of the event.

Register online at http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/nonprofit/resourceday.html

For more information, visit http://insidemc.montgomerycollege.edu/details.php?id=64972

Montgomery College presents the 2015 College Scholarship Conference Saturday, October 10 9:00am-2:00pm The Universities at Shady Grove

9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville

Meet college representatives and attend informational sessions to learn about college scholarship opportunities. Keynote speaker, Marianne Ragins, shares how she earned more than \$400,000 in scholarships!

Online registration is required: www.montgomerycollege.edu/scholarshipconference

For more details, visit http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/CollegeScholarshipConference



Please join Montgomery Parks for the **Germantown Town Center Urban Park Opening**

Saturday, October 17, 2015 5:00pm - 7:00pm

*rain date: October 18, 2015

Special pre-event reception takes place at 4 p.m. at BlackRock Center for the Arts.

Live music, tasting stations, and kid-friendly fun!

Germantown Town Center Urban Park is a wonderful new park featuring trails, boardwalks, unique artistic components, and seating areas, grassy gathering spots and lighting overlooking terraces. It's a perfect new spot, adjacent to the Germantown Library and BlackRock Center for the Arts, to read a book, have lunch or meet friends.

Questions? Contact:

Andy Frank, Project Manager Andrew.Frank@MontgomervParks.org 240-367-0782



The World of Montgomery Festival

Exploring the World in Your Own Backyard
Sunday, October 18 12:00n-5:00pm
Montgomery College, Rockville Campus
51 Mannakee Street, Rockville

The World of Montgomery Festival celebrates and displays the rich cultural heritages of the DC Area. The festival will be held at Montgomery College Rockville on Sunday, October 18th, from noon to 5:00pm.

The free festival includes an international village, a global kitchen with chef demonstrations of traditional ethnic food, a craft market, a Parade of Cultures, two performance stages of traditional dance and music, traditional arts and fun interactive activities for the whole family.

For more information visit www.worldofmontgomery.com.

Major Sponsors of the event include Montgomery County, Fund for Montgomery, Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union, Montgomery College, Southern Management, Verizon, City of Rockville, MCPS, and KID Museum.

Volunteer to be on Montgomery County's Community Action Board

For over 50 years, the Community Action Board has advised the County Executive and the County Council on matters affecting poor and low-income residents. The Board also serves as the governing body for Head Start and the Community Action Agency.

The County Executive seeks applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability, and ethnicity. Low-income residents are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please call the Community Action Agency at 240-777-1697, 240-773-3556 (TDD); or send an email to Leah Goldfine, leah.goldfine@montgomerycountymd.gov.

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month!

http://montgomerycountypubliclibraries.blogspot.com/2015/08/library-card-sign-up-month-2015.html

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news-releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp

Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html

Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp

Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx

Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org

Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html

Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html